

**Preliminary Amendment**

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For: CRYSTALLIZATION AND STRUCTURE OF *STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS PEPTIDE DEFORMYLASE*

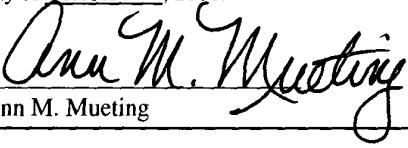
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**Remarks**

This amendment is being submitted to claim priority to provisional applications per 37 C.F.R. §1.78(5).

**Conclusion**

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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**APPENDIX A - SPECIFICATION/CLAIM AMENDMENTS  
INCLUDING NOTATIONS TO INDICATE CHANGES MADE**  
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**Docket No.: 6317.N**

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Amendments to the following are indicated by underlining what has been added and bracketing what has been deleted.



**In the Specification**

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, has been amended as follows:

This application claims the benefit of [the] U.S. Provisional Application [Serial] No. 60/215,550, filed June 30, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/215,555, filed June 30, 2000, both of which [is]are incorporated herein by reference in [its entirety] their entireties.